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How Does Eisenhower Stand?

What are the opinions and views of General Dwight Eisenhower? It is an important question, for there are many who would like to see the general in the White House.

Here are some excerpts from public statements and address of General Eisenhower:

THE AMERICAN WAY AND THE INDIVIDUAL—

"The middle of the road is derided by all of the right and the left. They deliberately misrepresent the central position, as a neutral, wishy-washy one. Yet there is the truly creative area in which we may obtain agreement for constructive social action compatible with basic American principles. (My) "fundamental life purpose—the protection and perpetuation of basic human freedoms."

—To American Bar Association, St. Louis, Sept. 6, 1949.

"The best example of perfect security is a man serving a life term in a federal prison."

—To Columbia students, Sept. 28, 1949.

Gen. Eisenhower has listed major public problems in this faction:

"An unbalanced national budget that is begotten out of group pressures, log rolling and political compromise;

"Inflation, born of the unbalanced budget, that nullifies every income gain of worker and farmer.."

—To Columbia graduates, June 6, 1950.

"In family life, if we spend more than we make we would be dispossessed by the sheriff. I don't see how a nation can expect different treatment."

—Address at Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 15, 1949.

"Maybe we like caviar and champagne when we ought to be out working on hot dogs and beer."

—To St. Andrews Society, New York, Nov. 30, 1949.

"Standing alone and isolated in a world otherwise completely dominated by communism, our system would have to wither away. We would suffer economic atrophy and then finally collapse."

—To Congress, Feb. 1, 1951.

"The cost of peace is going to be a sacrifice, a very great sacrifice, individually and nationally. But total war is tragedy; it is probably the suicide of our civilization."

—To Congress, Feb. 1, 1951.

"When people speak to you about preventive war, you tell them to go and fight it. . . I have come to hate war. War settles nothing."

—Address at Dallas, Texas, Nov. 11, 1950.

Heart Fund Drive . . .

AMERICAN HEART WEEK

Several of our national holidays and observances have become tinged with the tragedy of needless and violent death. Like July Fourth and Labor Day, with their traditionally high accident tolls, St. Valentine's Day, which celebrates love and lighthearedness, also brings with it a reminder of lives wastefully and prematurely lost. The very symbolism of the day makes it inescapable that we should consider the rising toll caused by heart disease.

The subject is a sober one indeed for this season of sweethearts and lacy sentiments. Yet if we are to reduce the toll of heart disease, we must face the facts, and resolve to do something about them.

The facts are: In 1948, the latest year for which figures are available, diseases of the heart and circulation killed 637,079 people, representing 44 per cent of all deaths in the United States. An estimated 9,000,000 to 10,000,000 Americans have some fort of heart or circulatory disease, among them 500,000 elementary and high school children.

The American Heart Association and its affiliates, have set aside the week of February 11-18, including St. Valentine's Day, as American Heart Week. In order to focus attention on these statistics, Heart Week is the high spot of the month-long Heart Fund Campaign to bring new hope for the hearts of our loved ones. To relieve and eliminate the suffering of heart-afflicted children, to lighten the load of cardiac housewives, to prevent premature deaths among our highly workers, trained business executives and leading statesmen—these are some of the aims of the American Heart Association. Its three-fold program supports scientific research into the unknown causes of 90 per cent of the heart diseases, provides professional and lay education to give the needed tools of knowledge to physicians and to substitute knowledge for fear among the public at large, and it encourages the development of vitally needed cardiac services in the community.

If the advances against heart disease continue at their present pace, it is reasonable to hope that within the lifetime of many of us now living, cardiovascular ills will largely have been placed under the effective measures of prevention and control.

At that time, the Valentine heart will return to an unchallenged position as a symbol of love and life, freed of the dark shadow that now falls over it.

Our aid can bring that day closer. During American Heart Week, the most valuable assistance we can give is financial support to our local heart association which has taken the leadership in this, our battle. Perhaps the most loving Valentine we can give to those we hold dear is our generous contribution to the Heart Fund.

PREFERENCE PRIMARIES

Considerable criticism greeted a statement last week by President Truman, which was interpreted as belittling the presidential primary system. He was quoted as calling the primaries so much "eyewash" and as indicating that these primaries had little to do with the actual nominating of candidates.

We join in criticism of anything which would tend to weaken democratic processes.

But why are presidential primary systems in such ill repute? It is not generally accepted that the rank and file voter has little choice until after the political leaders have decided which candidates will be offered.

And, is it not true that the major weakening element in the democratic selection of candidates, is the effort to undermine the entire system by denying the voter a chance to vote for the candidate he may like?

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HOMEMAKERS' ITEMS:

Nutrition experts warn against trimming and throwing away the most nutritive parts of celery.

Tests have shown that outside leaves and stalks are much richer in vitamins A and C than inside stalks and leaves. Too, the green,unblanched Pascal celery proved to have more carotene (which is a good source of vitamin A) than the white, self-blanching variety.

Inner leaves, nutritionists suggest, should be eaten with the stalk or cut up in salad. The less tender outside leaves may be cooked until just tender, then served in white sauce containing a little cheese. Another way to use celery leaves is to put them in poultry stuffing.You get the greatest nutritive value, of course, when you eat outside stalks and leaves raw.

BIRTH REGISTRATION

Practically every baby born now in Virginia has a birth certificate on file with the State Department of Health. This announcement was made today when preliminary figures of a nationwide survey of birth registration revealed that 97.1 per cent of all births are registered in Virginia. The survey is being conducted as a cooperative project of the State Health Department, the U. S. Health Service, and the Bureau of the Census.

Dr. Mack I. Shanholtz, State Health Commissioner states that while Virginia falls slightly below the nationwide average of 97.8 per cent, it ranks high on the list of Southern states having similar population and registration problems.

"Since 1940 when the first test was conducted, birth registration in Virginia has improved approximately six per cent," he added.

The birth registration test was limited to infants born during the first three months of 1950. Birth records received at the State Bureau of Vital Statistics for this period were matched against census records of babies born in Virginia during the same three months' period. The U. S. Public Health Service with the assistance of the Bureau of Vital Statistics matched the records and compiled the test results.

Miss Estelle Marks, State Registrar, states that most Virginia cities of 10,000 population and over should have one hundred per cent registration. She explained that registration is more complete in those communities where most of the babies are delivered in hospitals. According to the preliminary figures the following cities have 99 per cent registration or better: Alexandria, Bristol, Buena Vista, Clifton Forge, Hampton, Harrisonburg, Lynchburg, Martinsville, Newport News, Radford, Richmond, Roanoke, South Norfolk, Waynesboro, Williamsburg and Winchester.

Since World War II the importance of having proof of age, birthplace, and parentage has increased to such an extent that most parents are anxious that such information be properly registered at the time their children are born. Infant,child, and maternal health programs depend on the completeness of birth registration in the planning of adequate care.

High blood pressure and hardening of the arteries are two of the leading causes of heart disease. Help medical science protect your heart by giving to the Heart Fund.

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Problem of Modern Yellow Peril

Many years ago there was a great deal of talk about the "yellow peril"—the idea being that some day the Asian nations, with their enormous superiority in manpower over the white races, would rise in revolt against the Western world and attempt to subjugate it. Certain newspapers and writers played this up to the hilt and frightening books of prophecy were written about it. Some people took it with the utmost seriousness; others regarded it as nonsense, and argued that the alleged yellow peril was the deliberate creation of yellow journalism.

In any event, the troubles that now exist in the smoldering Eastern world are, to some degree at least, proof that the prophecy of the yellow peril was not entirely farfetched. And these troubles—in Egypt, Pakistan, and elsewhere—are not isolated phenomena. They are part of a whole. The East feels that it has been exploited, subjected to centuries of injustice. Whether this point of view be right or wrong is the point. That is the way the East feels, and it is determined to do something about it.

Many writers and thinkers are dealing with this vast problem. One of them is Robert Kazmayer, who devoted an interesting newsletter to it some time ago. In Mr. Kazmayer's view, our survives is in the throes of a threefold revolution. The three dominant factors, which he terms "locomotives of history," are: first, a worldwide revolution of the less privileged peoples, who are mostly colored, against the wealthy nations; second, the revolution of the masses against the autonomous individual; third, the revolution of today's chemical-technological age with its atomic fission against the mechanical age which created the society we know.

Against this background, Mr. Kazmayer goes on, stand two other tremendous factors. First, the population of the world is growing at a terrific rate, and the colored population is twice as large as the white and breeding twice as fast. Thus, the colored race for the world's goods grows ever-greater, especially among the nations which have little. The second factor is that one nation, the United States, towers above all others in material wealth and possessions. We are a very young nation, and we have but 6 per cent of the world's population and land area. Yet, Mr. Kazmayer points out, we have 85 per cent of the world's automobiles, 54 per cent of its telephones, 92 per cent of its bathtubs, 46 per cent of its electric power, and so on. We consume 65 per cent of the world's corn, 60 per cent of its oil, 45 per cent of its meat. Thus, Mr. Kazmayer reasons, the locomotives of history "are being strategically directed against America," and the Kremlin is doing the directing. The Kremlin makes much of the statement that it stands for equality of all races, and here, Mr. Kazmayer says, the Kremlin is honest—"it would just as soon have colored slaves as white."

Mr. Kazmayer offers no panacea—he simply outlines what he believes is happening. At the end of his report, he wrote, "you can be sure of: There's no lunacy, no return to the past for America, not for a long time, not in our time. Until the engines of history have been under control, or have run their course, there'll be no place for us as we used to understand that word."

UNCERTAIN MONTH

(From The New York Times)

The calendar predicted that by this date February would be here and partly gone, and now it is true. The rest is uncertain. By February some persons are tired of winter. This will do them no good—it will continue to be winter. But what sort of winter? In 1875 the mean temperature for February in New York City was 23.2 degrees, which, even in those robust times, was considered cold. Fifteen years later the Golden Nineties were ushered in by a February mean temperature of 40.4 degrees, and this was considered proof that the world was growing better. In 1893 the February precipitation hereabouts was 7.81 inches —or somewhat too much. In 1895 it was 0.85 inches.

Of one thing we can be sure. The days will grow longer. This morning, in the New York City latitudes, the sun was to have risen at 7:12. If it did not do so our words would be out of date by this time would be offered to the starrar space and we could have no mood for discourses. There will be set if all goes well, at 5:11 this afternoon. By February 29 there will be 6:37, and the sunset will be at 5:49, and each of us will have an extra hour and twelve minutes of daylight.

Only to crabbed humans does it seem that the waning days are long. There is, even in winter, some half-waking in the trees, buds of things, some stirring of dream. Southward do we see the strong beat of wings, the birds of passage practicing for spring migration? Even now the songs of the warblers are being rehearsed? February is a month of preparation. It has uses. It is not wasted. In the calendar there is no waste.

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Pamplin

Pamplin, Feb. 5.- The Rev. and Mrs. Charles Hackney and daughter, Martha Gayle, spent last week with relatives in North Carolina.

Mrs. H. E. Hungate and son, of Lynchburg were visiting last week in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Dickerson.

C. J. Paulette, of Evergreen, was a dinner guest in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Southall and Mrs. T. M. Robinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Gilliam and children spent last Sunday with relatives in Amherst.

Mrs. Reeve, of Greenville, Tenn., is visiting in the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. T. Reeve.

Mrs. L. L. Dickerson and Mrs. H. Hungate were week-end visitors in Portolk.

Miss Mildred Slayton, of Lynchburg, spent the week-end with parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Slayton.

The W. M. S. and Aid Society, of the Baptist Church met in the home of Mrs. L. M. Southall and Mrs. H. M. Robinson Wednesday P.

Miss Mary Rives Black, of Char-lottesville spent the week-end in the home of her parents, the Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Black.

Mrs. T. H. Dickerson is visiting her daughters, in Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Guthrie were week-end visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Davis.

The Home Demonstration Club met last Thursday in the home of Mrs. E. W. Harwood. The demonstration, which was on pie mix and breakfast food, was given by Mrs. C. H. McCall and Mrs. L. L. Dickerson.

Mr. and Mrs. K. L. McClenny and daughter, Betty, of Farmville, were recent dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Davis.

Mrs. L. M. Southall and Mrs. H. M. Robinson spent Monday in Farmville.

Miss Ann Terry, of Glasgow spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. T.Terry.

ANNUAL CHIEF FOREST WARDEN'S MEETING

The annual Chief Forest Warden and Lookout Watchmen's meeting of the Virginia Forest Service was held January 31 in Farmville.

The chief topic of discussion was ways and means of preventing, detecting, and supressing forest fires for the coming year. State Troopers Harrison, of Chmberland gave an interesting talk on safety.

Those attending the meeting were George Dean, State Forester; H. H. Garth, Chief Fire Protection for the State, from the Charlotteville office; District Forester, R. P. Brierley; District Fire Chief Bill Pierre; Forester, H. H. Broyles, Walter Hodges, Walter Searcy, Morris Walden, and clerk Ethel Cook, of Farmville.

The Chief Forest Wardens and Lookout Watchmen attending were: J. A. Lawrence, M. M. Aaron, of Amelia County; Frank Gowin, Ashland Glover, Buckingham County; J. L. Terrence, Appomatox County; Edward Robertson and Miss Virginia Smith, Cumberland County; Frank Smith, Mrs. Ernest Bailey and Donnie Ramsey, of Charlotte County; W. W. Moore, Halifax County; George Smith and Mrs. Loins Bayly, Lunenburg County; J. C. Dortch, of Mecklenburg; C. W. Hale, of Nottoway, and Jack Dowdy, of Prince Edward.

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Do a thorough and complete job of tree pruning.

Order repair parts, and overhaul equipment.

Arrange for a systematic check-up and servicing of electric motors.

Improve the output of workmen by supplying sharpened pruning tools.

Remove old, unprofitable trees, and filler trees which crowd the permanents.

Set a simple record of yields and market returns by varieties.

The orchard business today cannot support nonprofit or low profit trees, or blocks of trees. Such trees, unless needed for cross pollination, should be removed.

study your fertilization program to see if a revised soil management setup will improve yield, size and color of fruit. Place order for fertilizer early.

New spray materials necessitate a careful and conservative review of the spray program. Seek the latest information available if you are considering a change.

Have workmen repair field and storage crates on stormy days.

PLANS FOR RAM SALES

Plans for the 1952 series of purebred ram sales have been made by the Valley-Northern and Southwest Virginia Sheep Breeders' Association. The secretary of the associations, George Litton, head of the animal husbandry department at V. P. I., said the ram sales will be held: In Abingdon, July 3; Orange, July 16; Christiansburg, July 17; Winchester, July 21; Wytheville, July 22; Staunton, July 30; Harrisonburg, August 11, and Monterey, on September 4.

The annual bred ewe sale will be held in Staunton, November 12.

WHAT IS A GOOD TOBACCO SOIL?

Good drainage is one of the most important characteristics of a bright tobacco soil.

Soils having these characteristics in the bright tobacco belt are sandy loam with yellow to light red subsoil, which has enough slope to drain quickly after heavy rains, and which absorb moisture rapidly, thus reducing soil erosion.

New Hybrids Developed

Two new hybrids developed after some six years of corn breeding at Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station, are capable of adding over $5,000,000 per year to Virginia's farm income.

Dr. Clarence Genter, agronomist at the Station who developed the hybrids, says that the two hybrids, VPI 645 (recommended west of the Blue Ridge and Northern Piedmont) and VPI 802 (recommended in eastern Virginia) yield about 10 per cent more than the average recommended hybrid now used in tests to date. On a statewide basis, this means the average yield could be increased 4 1-2 bushels.

He figures that if farmers now using recommended hybrids on some 50,000 acres would switch to one of the two new hybrids, they would harvest nearly 3,000,000 bushels more than they are now harvesting. At the current price of around $1.75 per bushel—that's where the $5,000,000 comes in.

Further, if farmers now using hybrid and open - pollinated varieties not on the recommended list, would switch to the new high-yielding hybrids, their extra gains would be nothing short of astronomical, Dr. Genter says.

Although the seed supply of the new hybrids is limited this year, there should be enough by 1953 to satisfy demand.

The amount of money spent annually for corn breeding research—about $10,000—is minute when compared to the pay-off, Dr. Genter points out.

Apple Festival To Be May 1-2

Winchester, Feb. 6.- This city's world famous Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival will be held on May 1 and 2, it was announced here today by H. B. McCormac, Jr., president of the annual fete. This year will mark the twenty-fifth presentation of the springtime spectacle. The 1952 festival is expected to be of untsual interest, because of the fact that Winchester is observing its Bicentennial. The city was established as a town by act of assembly (the Virginia House of Burgesses) in 1752.

The festival's theme this year will be the city's two hundredth anniversary. The pageant, staged on the great bank of steps in front of the city's high school building. A special historical section will be included in the parade, which takes place on the afternoon of May 2.

News For War Veterans

Former GI Bill veteran - trainees who returned to active military duty were reminded by the Veterans Administration that they have little time to lose, in case they want to resume their GI studies after discharge.

Under VA regulations, they must resume their training within a reasonable period after their release from active duty. That "reasonable period," VA said, will be based on the circumstances of each veteran's case, and will depend on the kind of training he is taking and a number of other factors.

These regulations apply to veterans affected by the July 25, 1951 cut-off date for entering training, who had previously been in training under the GI bill, but who were unable to be enrolled at that time because of re-entrance into military service.

Veterans were advised to make their training plans early, rather than wait for the last minute. This way, VA said, they may avoid the disappointment of missing out altogether.

Newbold Morris, of New York, is named a federal attorney, to direct cleanup job.

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